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## Driving your future in the auto service sector!

Automobiles touch the lives of everyone in Ontario. We depend on cars, motorcycles, trucks, and buses to take us where we want to go and to provide the primary lifeline for shipping goods. In addition, the design, assembly, and sale of automobiles and automotive parts provide jobs for thousands of people.

Ontario is a leader in the automotive industry, and in 1997 manufactured more light trucks than any other jurisdiction in North America. The sector is undergoing exciting change as consumers demand vehicles that not only provide improved performance and value, but are also more environment friendly.

The industry is keeping pace with change. The expansion of computer technology has broadened the range of interests and abilities essential for success in automotive and motive power services. Today's industry specialists use computer technology to support sales and inventory control as well as to strengthen their ability to maintain and repair vehicles and engines, and to serve customers.

The automotive and motive power industry offers a wide range of careers servicing the latest cars and motorcycles; truck fleets; heavy equipment that serves the construction, forestry, mining, and oil and gas industries; as well as marine engines and farm equipment. Skilled workers can choose to work for a wide range of employers, or even set up their own businesses.

Here are some of the automotive and motive power trades that can be learned through apprenticeship:

Job	Job description	Length of time to train
Automotive service technician	Inspects, diagnoses, repairs, and services mechanical, electrical, and electronic systems and components of cars, buses, and trucks	3 to 5 years
Motorcycle mechanic	Inspects, diagnoses, and repairs motorcycles	3 years
Heavy-duty-equipment mechanic	Repairs, services, and maintains large equipment used in construction, logging, mining and farming, such as bulldozers, graders, and mobile cranes	4 1/2 years
Marine-engine technician	Repair and service of all marine equipment, including inboard and outboard engines	2 to 3 1/2 years
Auto-body repairer	Reviews damages, estimates costs, repairs and replaces parts, such as body and underbody components, doors and door frames	3 to 4 years

Courses and skills that will help you prepare for a career in automotive and motive power services	Math, sciences, communications, and a mechanical aptitude. Because of the nature of the vehicles involved, heavy-duty-equipment mechanics may face hard physical work.
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## Apprenticeship training

Apprenticeship is hands-on training for motivated people who enjoy learning by doing. The training provides access to well-paying jobs that demand a high level of skills, judgement, and creativity. Apprentices are paid while gaining work experience, and their wages increase with their level of skills.

About 90 per cent of apprenticeship training is provided in the workplace by employers. The remainder involves classroom instruction on theory, which is usually given at a local community college or provided by another approved training organization.

To become an apprentice, an applicant must find an employer who is willing to train. Some employers advertise directly for certified mechanics in local newspapers, but most employers in the automotive service sector often rely on word of mouth to attract applicants. People who want to become apprentices usually apply directly to an employer or a training committee of local employers.

Skilled workers who have received their training in Ontario can work anywhere in the province. Agreements among the provinces and territories allow skilled workers in certain trades to work anywhere in Canada. Training consultants at ministry apprenticeship offices can provide more information.

**If you have a question about apprenticeship training,  
call the Ontario government's Training Hotline at 1-888-JOBGROW.  
In Toronto, call (416) 326-5656.**

If you are in high school, talk to your guidance counsellor.  
If you are in college or university, contact your campus placement office for help.  
To find out about careers in automotive services, check out the Career Gateway at  
([www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca](http://www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca)).

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Cette publication est également offerte en français sous le titre suivant : Le secteur de l'entretien automobile, une route toute tracée!